

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace the 4<sup>th</sup> full paragraph on page 6 with the following amended paragraph:**

In this embodiment, a screw having a double-thread structure as a whole and a single-thread structure only on the hopper port 13s side near the inlet of the cylinder 11, in which a peripheral portion of a flight portion 12z is smoothly cut away at an angle  $\theta$  so that the height "h" of the screw flight portion 12z crossing the hopper port 13s, that is, located below the hopper port 13s becomes smaller by a predetermined distance "d" than the diameter D of the screw 12 as shown in Figs. 2(a) and 2(b) is used as the screw 12. More specifically, the above "d" is set to around 4 % of the diameter D of the screw 12. The above  $\theta$  is set to around 90° at maximum. The height of the flight portion 12a on a downstream side is the same as the diameter D of the screw 12.